A TRUE ACCOUNT (49) of the Manner of BEHAVIOUR, AND EXECUTION OF *Charles Bateman*, Chirurgeon; who were Executed at TYBURN.

On *Friday* the 18*th.* of *December*, 1685.

For Conspiring the Death of his late *Majesty*, King *Charles* the Second, in leavying War, and raising Rebellion, and to subvert the Government, as now Established in Church and State.

MAny are the Troubles and Vexations, which restless men bring upon themselves, though they cannot but fore-see them; especially if they consider Precedents or Examples of the like Nature; unless they will fully suffer themselves to be blinded with Malice or Ambition, or by giving scope to a sickly Fancy; and in such a Case, it is frequently seen that the seeming Good is found to be otherwise, and proves bitterness in the End. How many are they that might have lived at Peace, and sate in security under their Vines? &c. protected by the best of Princes, and enjoyed the benefit of the best of Governments; who careless of themselves and posterity, have, by their restless Malice and wicked Purposes, ruined both, and left a Name of Infamy as a memorial of their Crimes and unadvised rashness: And sure in this Case, they do not well consider, that it is not barely conspiring against an Earthly Prince, but against that Wisdom and Omnipotence, by which Kings Reign, &c. and against which, nothing can ever prosper.

Therefore, may the Lawless contriving of wicked men be likened to Arrows shot against the Clouds, who frequently in their fall bring Ruin on his Head, whose bold hand let them flie: But to come nearer to my purpose:

Amongst others, who so far forgot their Duty and Allegience, to that Gracious, Prince *Charles* the Second (of Blessed Memory) as to Conspire against

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againſt his Life and Government. *Charles Bateman* a Chirurgeon in *Barbican* made one in the wicked Confedracie; but not long after, time happily bringing his Treaſonable Practices and Conſpiracies to light; he was, upon the Information of *Thomas Lee* and *Richard Goodenough*, Apprehended and Committed to the Goal of *Newgate*, and an Indictment of *High-Treaſon*, found againſt him by the Grand Jury of *London*, for Conſpiring the Death of the late King, by intending to make Inſurrection and Rebellion, thereby to ſeize his Royal Perſon, as likewiſe the *Tower*, *Savoy*, *City* of *London*, and *White-Hall*; to which Conſpiracie he was privy and conſenting, *&c.* Purſuant to this Indictment, he was brought to the Seſſions-Houſe in the *Old-Bayly*, and there Arraigned on the 9*th.* of this Inſtant *December*, and pleading not Guilty, put him upon the Jury for his Tryal; when after a long and favourable hearing of all he had materially to offer in his own defence, the *Treaſon* appearing full and plain againſt him, upon the Oaths of *Mr. Goodenough* and *Mr. Lee*; the Jurors, after they had withdrawn a while, and conſidered the matter, brought him in Guilty of the *High-Treaſon* as laid in the Indictment, and on *Friday* the 11*th.* of *December*, he received his Sentence to be conveyed to the place from whence he came, from thence, to be drawn to the place of Execution; there to be hang'd by the Neck, cut down alive; his Bowels taken out and Burnt; his Head to be ſevered from his Body; his four Quarters divided and diſpoſed of, at the pleaſure of the King; and thereupon he was re-conveyed to *Newgate*, having firſt prayed that a Divine might have leave to come to him, as likewiſe his Friends, *&c.* which was granted.

In *Newgate*, he expreſs'd a ſenſe of ſorrow, acknowledging that he was a great Sinner, and ought to diſpoſe himſelf to great Repentance, hoping that God would guide his heart to underſtand the things that belonged to his Eternal Peace, ſeeing he could expect but a ſhort time on this ſide the Grave; his concernment was likewiſe great for his Children, as alſo his tears that they ſhould be reduced to Poverty and want.

To thoſe that gave him good Council he ſeemed very attentive, and ſo continued, labouring under a kind of an Indiſpoſition he had contracted ſince his impriſonment, till *Friday* the 18*th* of *December*, the Day appointed for his Execution; when purſuant to a Warrant directed to the Sheriffs of *London* and *Middleſex*. About 10. in the *Morning* he was put into a Slead and drawn to *Tyburn*; the place appointed for that Execution.

Mr. Bateman being put into a Cart; at the place of Execution, and tyd up he exhorted the People to ſerve God, and rely upon him, through the merits of *Jeſus Chriſt*, for their *Salvation*: He ſaid he was always for *Monarchy*, and could never wiſh himſelf or others, to be under a better Government, and having diſcourſed about half an hour in exhorting the People to Piety, he had the favour to be untied, and then kneeling down; and in concluſion, after ſome ſpace of time, he declared his willingneſs to dye, and his earneſt deſire to be with *Chriſt*, whereupon the *Cart* drew away, and his Body was ordered according to Sentence.

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